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SUBJECT: GOT REQUIREMENT FOR RADIO MONITORING EQUIPMENT

REF: A. TUNIS 5751 B. CHUSLOT 130820Z C. TUNIS 6084

1. WATKINS-JOHNSON CASE T-09355 CONCERNED APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY EXPORT OF ONE W-J MODEL RS-160 MONITORING SYSTEM FOR DEMONSTRATION TO THE TUNISIAN MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. STATE DEPARTMENT DENIAL LETTER, DATED JULY 29, 1976, TO WATKINS-JOHNSON STATED THAT "CURRENT US GOVERNMENT POLICY PRECLUDES APPROVAL FOR DEMONSTRATION OF THIS EQUIPMENT TO TUNISIA."

2. APPLICATION FROM E-SYSTEMS REGARDING TUNISIA (MUNITIONS CONTROL CASE 17513) SOUGHT AUTHORIZATION FOR PERMANENT EXPORT OF TECHNICAL DATA ON A STATEMENT OF WORK FOR A CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMUNICATIONS MONITORING SYSTEM. ALTHOUGH APPLICATION

HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY ACTED ON, WE ARE ADVISED THAT CONTRACTORS' DOCUMENTATION REFERRED TO POSSIBLE EXPORT OF SAME EQUIPMENT AS IN WATKINS-JOHNSON CASE.

3. APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY AGENCIES CONCERNED, AND EARLIER DISAPPROVAL WAS REAFFIRMED.

4. SUGGESTION WAS MADE DURING REVIEW THAT THE REQUESTING CONTRACTOR SUBSTITUTE ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR SEVERAL COMPONENTS AND RESUBMIT THE APPLICATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LICENSE APPROVAL FOR ENTIRE SYSTEM WOULD BE POSSIBLE IF SEVERAL CONTROVERSIAL COMPONENTS ARE REMOVED.

5. DOD CONTACTED TOM GOODELL AT WATKINS-JOHNSON AND DOUG WEAVER AT E-SYSTEMS AND BOTH INDIVIDUALS AGREED TO NEGOTIATE AN ACCEPTABLE SYSTEM AND RESUBMIT APPLICATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ROBINSON

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